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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
TSUKASA SAKO, ET AL.)
Application No.: 09/408,447)
Filed: September 29, 1999)
For: IMAGE PROCESSING)
APPARATUS AND METHOD,)
PHOTOGRAPHING SYSTEM,)
CONTROLLING METHOD)
FOR THE SYSTEM, AND)
COMPUTER-READABLE)
MEMORY)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to further examination of the above-identified application for which a
Request For Continued Examination has been filed, and in response to the Office Action
dated August 3, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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